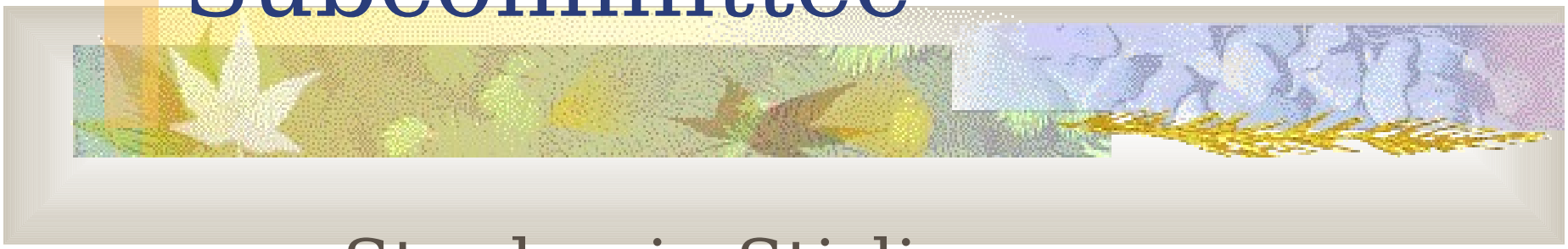
# RSET Policy Development Subcommittee



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# Sub-Committee Members

- Stephanie Stirling, NWS, Corps
- Jim Reese, NWD, Corps
- John Malek, EPA
- Cathy Tortorici, NOAA
- Jennifer Sutter, DEQ
- Mark Siipola, NWP, Corps
- Leigh Espy/Peter Leon,  WA DNR
- Keith Johnson, DEQ

# Subcommittee Members

- Still looking for volunteers
- Idaho?
- Oregon DSL?
- Washington Ecology?

# Technical Issues

- Development management duties for each agency
- Develop agency timelines for review and decision-making
- Develop Sediment Framework update process
- Oversee other efforts to ensure compatibility with RSET

# Technical Issues (continued)

- Determine need for formal NEPA process, formal ESA consultation process, and produce a public and tribal involvement plan during the update process
- Determine the breadth of the updated Sediment Evaluation Framework and evaluation matrices

# Timelines

- Need for overall timeline before we can do agency timeline
- Timeline tied to funding – uncertainty
- Draft timeline for process

# NW REGIONAL SEDIMENT EVALUATION FRAMEWORK (RSEF) PRIORITIZATION/P

**Actual or Best Case**
**04/other agency funds not availa**

| | Items to complete NW Regional sediment Framework | Proj Cost | Agency | FY 03 Actual |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **RSET group mgt and manual development**<br>**NWD Corps Commitment (pending funds availability)** | **260K/year** | 87K/3 western Dist<br>67K contract<br>20K labor | 85K<br>40k from EPA |
| | NW Region Sed. Framework outline & DMEF revisions | | | |
| | RSET charter and committee makeup | | | |
| | Sub-Committee organization and support | | | |
| | Issue Resolution Liaison between Agencies | | | |
| | Development of protocol Regimes & update process | | | |
| | Support individual agency review | | | |
| | Coordinate process review and timeframes | | | |
| | compatibility/coord. With other regional processes | | | |
| | Public/Tribal involvement | | | |
| | Compliance commitment/framework development | | | |
| | Coordinate & recommend extent of process in RSEF | | | |
| 2 | **Sediment quality database development** | **100/year** | RSET agencies or the Corps | |
| | Database Strategy | | | |
| | Structure and format development | | | |
| | Database Maintenance (proposed for corps regulatory) | **100(Reg) per year** | 34K/3western Reg or RSET agencies | |
| 3 | **Reference site determination** | **250** | EPA | |
| | Reference Site Evaluation Process and Identification | | | |
| 4 | **Sediment Quality Guidelines** | **405** | RSET Agencies | |
| | Costs and Reliability of Proposed SQGs/SLs | | | |
| | AET Development and Statistics | | | |
| | Field Verification of SLs | | | |
| | Beneficial Uses SLs | | | |
| | Disposal Site Specific SLs | | | |

# Public Involvement Plan

- Draft initiated by Jennifer Sutter, DEQ
- Needs updating
- Tied to timelines

# Tribal Coordination

- Gary Sims, NOAA
- Specific actions to be identified
- Need tribal liaisons/contacts for each agency to coordinate activities

# Sediment Evaluation Framework

- July meeting
- Updated Table of Contents/Outline
- Low hanging fruit (identifying quick/non-controversial updates)

# Other Efforts

- Portland Harbor
- Channel Improvement
- Oregon Coast
- Regional Sediment Management
- Freshwater Screening Levels
- National Manuals